

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/501,269  
Applicants: Francis BRIAND, et al.  
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US National: July 9, 2004  
Title: METHOD AND INSTALLATION FOR LASER WELDING WITH A  
N<sub>2</sub>/He GAS MIXTURE, THE N<sub>2</sub>/He CONTENT BEING  
CONTROLLED ACCORDING TO THE LASER POWER  
TC/A.U.: 1725  
Examiner: Geoffrey S. Evans  
Docket No.: Serie 5879  
Customer No.: 000040582

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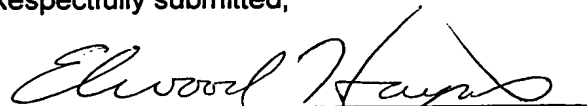
In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Two (2) patents and one (1) non-patent references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the foreign search or examination report corresponding to PCT application no. WO 03/057398, which was submitted with the US national stage filing on July 9, 2004. These references have not subsequently been cited by the Examiner.

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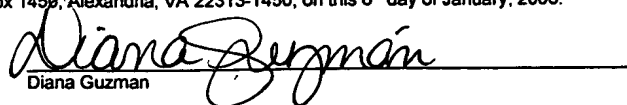
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